account of that. As regards making a general provision for handicrafts to aided schools, in the first place, it is a question of finance. In the second place, there is a radical difference between the Government schools and the aided schools. In the case of Sirkar schools, all the income goes to the Government, whereas in the case of aided schools, the income goes to the Manager. Further, this is a supplementary income to the Manager, and there is no return to the Government.

Increment to teachers who have undergone training in Agriculture, etc.

95. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any increment of salary will be allowed to those teachers who have undergone training in agriculture and industries in the last two years?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The work done by such teachers will be taken into account in deciding increments and promotions.

Government Officers and Managers of aided schools.

96. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Manager of an aided school is not the sole authority in the matter of appointment and of giving punishment to the teachers of aided schools?

(b) Has the Government made any definite rules as to the power of the Government officers in these matters except what is mentioned in *the Code*?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) The Member is referred to the answer to question 375 (a) of the Kumbham sitting.

(b) No.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—It is stated that no special rules have been made with regard to the power of officers in the Education Department. Now, I ask whether the Government will be pleased to make some rules with regard to that.

President.—You say that he is not the sole authority to give punishments.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—There are some sections in *the Code* which are not sufficient.

President.—Are detailed rules necessary?

Mr. C. Matthai.—We simply go by *the Code*. We have not found the necessity for detailed rules.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—But there are special rules in Travancore and British Malabar.

President.—But in giving effect to the provisions of *the Code*, do you find in the absence of any rule, an obstacle in the way of giving effect to them?

Mr. C. Matthai.—So far we find our rules are clear enough.

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President.—So there is no necessity for the addition of rules.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—If some rules are specially framed for this purpose, it would be much better. The same thing exists in British Malabar and Travancore.

President.—Is there anything to show that the Director of Public Instruction is not exercising his discretion properly?

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—That is a matter of opinion.

President.—Now, so far as the Head of the Department is concerned, you find no difficulty.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—But the section in *the Code* is not clear. Some special rules may be made which would be advantageous.

Resolutions passed at the meeting of the Cochin Catholic School Managers' Association.

97. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether they are in receipt of the resolutions passed in the annual meeting of the Cochin Catholic School Managers' Association held at Ernakulam on 20th May 1926;

(b) if so, what step has been taken regarding those resolutions?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

(b) They are engaging the attention of the Government.

The Convent School, Ollur.

98. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether

(a) it is a fact that the Manager of the Convent School, Ollur, claimed grant-in-aid to several classes, while the strength of those classes did not justify the full grant;

(b) the number of occasions so claimed and the total amount so paid;

(c) whether the Director has taken any action on such unjustifiable demands, and if so, the nature of action in detail he took;

(d) did not the case justify a deterrent punishment;

(e) if the answer to (d) is in the affirmative, why was the case let off in such a manner;

(f) whether the Director has powers in such matters to do as he did without the special sanction of the Diwan?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes; for two classes.

(b) On three occasions. The total amount paid was Rs. 307-12-8.

(c) When the mistake was found out, the Manager's explanation was called for. The explanation submitted by him

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